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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Training Program for Selected Military Personnel

REFERENCES: a. Informal Memo, Same Subj; for Chief, PM/OPS, fm
PM/OPS/TR, dtd 5 May 1954

b. Memo for DTR, Same Subj, fm [redacted], dtd
20 April 1954

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1. This is a record of the follow up and present status of the proposal originally contained in CPM's memorandum of 9 March 1954 relative to the possibility of the Office of Training's conducting a special course for military personnel engaged in, or related to unconventional warfare planning. This proposal was originally made by Colonel [redacted] who has maintained liaison with JSPD on this matter.

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2. As the result of a meeting held on 3 June 1954 between Colonel [redacted] and myself on the one hand and representative officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force, called together by General Young and Colonel Bexfield of JSPD, it was determined that the real desire of the military was a relatively brief course to be conducted in Washington for the purpose of familiarizing certain selected officers with the general nature and some of the problems and techniques of a covert operation. While this is somewhat broader than the subject matter of the Staybehind Course, which was originally proposed as being suitable for the military planners, it is close enough so that to all intents and purposes it is the same kind of course.

3. Among the subjects that the group felt would be valuable to have covered in such a course were the following: (These were not meant to be rigid requirements nor was it felt that the subject matter need necessarily be presented on this order.)

I. GENERAL

A. Organization

B. Indigenous Agents

1. Spotting, investigating, selecting, recruiting
2. Training
3. Holding
4. Separation

C. Security

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4. It was agreed that as soon as JSPD could inform us as to the number of officers who would participate in such a course, the length of time to which they could devote to the course and the approximate time of running that we would communicate this requirement to the Director of Training who has already indicated his willingness to provide such special training.

5. Colonel Bexfield informed me yesterday that the requirement is for a general familiarization course of the type described above to be run for two weeks, full time, in Washington and that there would be nine officers ready to undertake such a course early in September.

6. I shall communicate this request to the Director of Training immediately (he was tied up all day today) and will report back to DC/PP his response as to the feasibility of providing this course as indicated.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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